

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from April 17, 2016 The Conversations With Paul in Athens Acts 17:16-21

Observing the text

How can you understand Paul's provocation in Acts 17:16 in light of his words in 1 Corinthians 13:5?

Research the philosophies of the Epicureans and the Stoics. How do they compare with people today?

Why did the Greek philosophers oppose Paul the way they did in Acts 17:18?

What was it about the Greeks that Paul was able to use for the advantage of the gospel ministry?

Applying the sermon

What has been your response when you see people worshipping something other than the Lord? How does that compare with Paul's response?

How have you been affected by either Epicurean or Stoic philosophies in your thinking?

What are the problems with people who are mere information gatherers? Why might a strong desire to know actually be harmful to a vibrant spiritual life?

Which social structures and activities are you engaged with? How do you participate in those relationships for the sake of the gospel of Christ?